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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6502**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1175

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 20, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Companion Animal Sterilization Program.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Karickhoff

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Animal Care Facilities:* This bill requires that a dog or a cat in an animal care facility be spayed or neutered before being adopted. It defines an "animal care facility" as an animal control center, an animal shelter, a humane society, or another animal impounding facility that has as its purpose the humane treatment of animals and that has dogs or cats that are available for adoption (includes both governmental and private entities).

*Reporting Requirements:* The bill requires an animal care facility to report annually to Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc., certain information regarding its dogs and cats. It requires Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc., to prepare and submit to the state Board of Animal Health and the Legislative Council a report of the information received from animal care facilities.

*Companion Animal Sterilization Program and Fund:* The bill establishes the Indiana Companion Animal Sterilization Fund and the Indiana Companion Animal Sterilization Program under the administration of Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc., to provide at a reduced charge to eligible applicants spaying or neutering services for a dog or cat owned or harbored by the eligible applicant. It defines an "eligible applicant" as an individual whose annual income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level. The bill also appropriates money in the fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Appropriation:* The bill appropriates the following amounts from the state General Fund to the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund (established by this bill): \$3 M for FY 2016; and \$2 M for FY 2017.

*Companion Animal Sterilization Fund:* This bill establishes the nonreverting Companion Animal Sterilization Fund and provides that the fund will consist of appropriations by the General Assembly, donations, federal grants or other federal appropriations, forfeited deposit amounts remitted by an animal care facility, and interest and other earnings. The fund's purpose is to provide for spaying or neutering services for companion animals at a reduced charge to eligible applicants (individuals whose annual income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level). Money in the fund remaining at the end of a state fiscal year will not revert to the state General Fund. The fund and program will be administered by the Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization. The bill provides that the administering entity may not expend more than 10% of the fund annually for administrative costs.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Reporting Requirements:* This bill requires animal care facilities (including governmental entities) to report the preceding year's intake and outcome data annually to the Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc.

*Companion Animal Sterilization Program:* If this bill results in the reduction of stray and abandoned dogs and cats by providing more spay and neuter services, then animal control, impoundment, sheltering, and euthanasia costs could decrease for local agencies.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local animal care facilities.

**Information Sources:**

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